

United States Marshals Service



FACT SHEET Operations Support

Deputy marshals carry out hundreds of special missions each year that are related to the Marshals Service's broad federal law enforcement and judicial security responsibilities. They respond to national emergencies as well as crises involving homeland security. The agency's Operations Support Division oversees such efforts. The division directs, coordinates, manages and supports the following Marshals Service entities: the Special Operations Group (SOG); Office of Emergency Management (OEM); Office of Inspection; Emergency Operations Center; and the Marshals Service Communications Center. The division serves as the primary point of contact between the Office of the Director and the districts, headquarters divisions and other agencies in regards to operational matters. Whenever the Marshals Service's director authorizes a special assignment or special security mission, it is the Operations Support Division that carries out those orders.

Special Operations Group

SOG is a specially trained and highly disciplined tactical unit. It is a self-supporting response team capable of responding to emergencies anywhere in the United States or its territories. Most of the deputy

marshals who have volunteered to be SOG members serve as full-time deputies in Marshals Service district offices throughout the nation, and they remain on call 24 hours a day for SOG missions. SOG also maintains a small, full-time operational cadre stationed at the Marshals Service Tactical Operations Center at Camp Beauregard, La. There, all SOG deputies must meet rigorous physical and mental standards and must undergo extensive training in tactics and weaponry. The group's missions include: apprehending fugitives; protecting dignitaries; providing court security; transporting high-profile and dangerous prisoners; providing witness security; and seizing assets.

Office of Emergency Management

The OEM is the primary point of contact when the Marshals Service is involved in sensitive and classified missions. It has primary responsibility over the agency's actions involving homeland security, national emergencies and domestic crises. The OEM supervises: the Marshals Service Canine Program; Emergency Response Teams; Marshals Service Communications Center; Emergency Operations Center; and the headquarters security force.

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